MR. B. L. BYANNA (Bangalore City Municipality).—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to place on the table :—

(*a*) The names of officers on Rs. 200 and above who have been granted extensions after the period of super-annuation from the year 1924-25 up-to-date, their designation, date of their birth and their monthly salary and the number of extensions granted ?

(*b*) Whether the system of granting extensions is not in contravention of the well established principle and also does not create discontent and consequent unrest among their immediate juniors ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, FINANCE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—16. (*a*) A statement is placed on the table. (*Vide* Appendix A.)

(*b*) Reference is invited to Art. 321, M.S.R. and the President's Closing Remarks in the October Session of 1926.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

In the answer to Question (*a*), the number of extensions granted has been given in some cases and in some others, the period up to which extensions are given has been mentioned. May I know the reason why such a difference is made ?

First Member of Council.—

There is no special reason. Both answers give the same information.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

Is there any definite period of time fixed for each extension ?

Second Member of Council.—

It all depends upon the merits of each case.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

Then, if the number of extensions alone is furnished, how are we to know the total period involved ?

Second Member of Council.—

It is possible to calculate, from the date of birth of each officer, when he completes his 55 years of age, and if the date up to which extension is granted is known, you can find out the period of extension.

Mr. B L. Byanna.—

What are the special reasons for giving many extensions in some of the cases ?

Second Member of Council.—

That also depends upon the merits of each case.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

If an officer is given so many extensions, will not the next juniors get disappointed ?

Second Member of Council.—

That may be your opinion.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

Would it not be possible and desirable to have definite rules regulating the grant of extensions ?

Second Member of Council.—

We cannot frame one rule for all cases.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

With reference to serial number 36 in the Appendix to the answer to this question, may I know if Mr. Searle referred to there is the same officer against whom certain complaints were made in connection with the Binny Mill tragedy ?

Second Member of Council.—

There is only one Mr. Searle in our service.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

What were the special reasons for giving him an extension of service ?

Second Member of Council.—

He has been reported to be a very good Police officer.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Does he possess special qualifications ?

Dewan.—

He is an efficient Police officer, and that is enough ground for giving him an extension of service.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

On what grounds is he considered to be an efficient officer ?

Dewan —

Efficiency does not necessarily depend upon the examinations one has passed.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Can Government say on what occasions he was efficient ?

Dewan.—

We cannot say that.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

May I know if it was Mr. Searle that was censured by the Assembly or the Personal Assistant concerning whom an adjournment motion was brought up ?

Dewan.—

That has nothing to do with the question before the House.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

What are the special grounds for granting as many as 7 extensions to one Mr. M. Gopalakrishniah, Statistician of the Chief Electrical Engineer's Office ?

Third Member of Council.—

The Chief Electrical Engineer stated that he was a very competent official and recommended the grant of extensions.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

In the opinion of the Chief Electrical Engineer, does efficiency improve with advancing age ?

Third Member of Council.—

I do not know if such an inference could be drawn from one solitary instance.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

If the Government were to accept the recommendations of every head of department, would it not mean that he can recommend as he likes ?

Third Member of Council.—

The recommendations are made in the interests of public service.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

At least at the time of recommending an extension for a seventh time, did not the Chief Electrical Engineer give any very special reasons?

Third Member of Council.—

He gave sufficient reasons.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

What are they?

Third Member of Council.—

I want notice of that question.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Is it not desirable to set down specific reasons for which alone extensions can be granted?

Third Member of Council.—

There are certain rules on the subject. Besides, the retirement of an officer who is fit for further service adds to the cost on pensions. That is a general principle recognised in the Service Regulations.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Is that not a very vague principle?

Second Member of Council.—

It is not possible to lay down specific rules.

Mr. D. S Mallappa.—

Were all the seven extensions given once for all or at different times?

Third Member of Council.—

At different times.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

How many more extensions will the officer under reference be given.

Dewan.—

That depends upon his work.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Did he produce medical certificates before he was given the extensions?

Third Member of Council.—

Medical certificates are not considered necessary in such cases.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Is it not desirable to lay down that as a matter of policy, medical certificates should be produced before an extension of service is granted after 55 years of age?

Third Member of Council.—

It is not proposed to do so.

Mr. M. S. Linge Gowda.—

Are not officers in important positions kept on in Western countries even when they are 65 or 70 years old?

Dewan.—

But in our country the rule is that officers should be retired when they complete 55 years of age, extensions being given only in exceptional cases.

MR. B. L. BYANNA (Bangalore City Municipality) and MR. B. M. MUNISAMAPPA (Bangalore Taluk).—

Q.—17. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) What is the policy underlying the nomination of members to the local bodies and other public bodies in the State ?